THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Operational and resource constraints.

Vocational training centres in Madhya Pradesh

†392. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether 10 vocational training centres are being run in Madhya Pradesh presently with the help of the Central Government;

(b) the financial aid extended by the Central Government to Madhya Pradesh from 2004 to 2006; and

(c) the financial aid proposed to be extended to Madhya Pradesh during the year 2006-07?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) Eight Industrial Training Institutes in the States of Madhya Pradesh that are under the administrative and financial control of the State Government have been taken up for upgradation into Centres of excellence, under the Labour Ministry's scheme of "upgradation of ITIs into Centres of Excellence". In addition, Ministry of SSI runs the Indo German Room at Indore and a workshop in the Branch Small Industries Service Institute at Gwalior, to provide technical training.

(b) During the financial year 2005-06, an amount of Rs. 92.30 lac was released as Central share.

(c) During the financial year 2006-07, an amount of Rs. 393.00 lac is likely to be released.

MSMED Act, 2006

393. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre has enacted the 'Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (MSMED) Act, 2006' with a view to benefit Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs);

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a number of SMEs have complained that MSMED Act is not helping them and that the Act does not recognize some of their problems, *i.e.* the net worth of Rs. 10 crores fixed for SME to be eligible for Stock Exchange Listing has deprived many SMEs to approach the capital market; and

(d) if so, the details and the action proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The 'Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (MSMED) Act, 2006' has been enacted to provide for facilitating the promotion and development and enhancing the competitiveness of micro, small and medium enterprises.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

Package for promotion of micro, small and medium scale industries

394. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has formulated a proposal on incentive package for promotion of micro, small and medium scale industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of the proposed promotional package?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) to (c) The Government will announce the package for promotion of micro and small enterprises soon.

Import, requirement and production of steel

395. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that import of steel has risen from 1.51 MT in 2001-02 to 3.7 MT in 2005-06;